

## NOTES.

ON A SINISTRAL MONSTROSITY OF *PURPURA LAPILLUS* (LINN.). (*Read 12th June, 1914.*)—So far as I am aware, there are only two examples of the sinistral form of *Purpura lapillus* (Linn.) whose existence in this country is publicly known. Further examples may occur in private collections or in museums abroad, but I have not come across any record of them. The two examples above referred to are, firstly, a specimen in the collection of the late Mr. Bean, of Scarborough, and now in the museum of that town. The circumstances under which this specimen was procured are related in Jeffreys, *Brit. Conch.*, vol. iv, p. 278. A second occurs in the collection of Dr. A. M. Norman, now in the British Museum, and the note attached states that it came from "Llanfairfechan, N. Wales, 1875 (Mrs. Stebbins)". The shell is 'dead', but perfect. I have the pleasure to show to the Society a third specimen which has very recently come into my hands. It was received from a correspondent at La Rochelle, and occurred, unnoticed by the sender, in a parcel of between eighty and ninety specimens. It is not quite mature, the outer lip showing no sign of thickening, but is perfect in all other respects. It is regularly spirally ridged, ridges somewhat flattened, ground colour dirty white, with orange and brown colour-bands. Length 23 mm., breadth 15 mm.

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OCCURRENCE OF *CHONDRULA QUADRIDENS* (MÜLL.) IN BRITAIN. (*Read 12th June, 1914.*)—A few days ago Mr. Lindley H. Jones, of Norwich, sent me for determination a specimen taken on the outskirts of Whittingham Wood, near Norwich, that Mr. G. K. Gude kindly identified as *Chondrula quadridens* (Müll.). One naturally suspected some box had been employed when collecting that had previously done service abroad and had secreted some of its contents in its recesses. Mr. Jones, however, in reply to inquiries, states that he was using a glass tube, so that accidental previous inclusion was out of the question, but he adds the very pregnant suggestion "that as a large number of pheasants are reared in Whittingham Wood, it [the shell] might possibly have been introduced with their food. The place where I found it is quite half a mile from the main road". This explanation seems to me not only to elucidate the occurrence in question, but also to clear up the finding in similar situations at Church and near Stoneyhurst (Lancashire) of *Abida quinqueidentata*.

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